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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT). These annexes consist of a total of <u>1</u> sheets.
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International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed
- ☒ the description:
 pages 1-20, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the claims:
 pages 22, as originally filed
 pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages 21, filed with the letter of 03 Jan 2005
- ☒ the drawings:
 pages 1/12 - 12/12, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☒ the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages 1-5, as originally filed
 pages _____, filed with the demand
 pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☒ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☒ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed." and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-11	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The documents cited in the International Search Report do not disclose relevant seed-specific expression promoter sequence set forth as SEQ ID NO.3 of the present invention.

Therefore, Claim 1 and Claim 3 of the present invention are novel and involve an inventive step. Claim 3 to Claim 11 are also novel and involve an inventive step because they are dependent claim of Claim 1 or Claim 2.

What is claimed is:

1. A seed-specific expression promoter comprising an active fragment of nucleotides 482 to 608 (-179 to -53) of SEQ ID NO: 3.
- 5 2. The seed-specific expression promoter of claim 1, which comprises the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3.
3. An intron for enhancement of gene expression comprising nucleotides 149 to 1722 of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 10 4. A seed-specific expression vector comprising the promoter of claim 1 and/or the intron of claim 3.
5. The seed-specific expression vector of claim 4, which is
15 constructed by inserting the promoter upstream of a foreign gene of a binary vector.
6. The seed-specific expression vector of claim 5, which is a pBinS/FAD2-GUS expression vector as shown in FIG. 4B.
- 20 7. The seed-specific expression vector of claim 5, which is a pSiW6-P2.4 expression vector as shown in FIG. 9A.
8. The seed-specific expression vector of claim 4, which is
25 constructed by inserting the promoter upstream of a foreign gene of a transient expression vector.
9. The seed-specific expression vector of claim 8, which is a pSiFAD2-GUS expression vector as shown in FIG. 8A.
- 30 10. A transgenic plant transformed with the seed-specific expression vector of any one of claims 4 through 9.